

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The device for creating a sentence having decoration information according to claim 1~~ A device for creating a sentence having decoration information, comprising:

an input unit for a user to enter a sentence in text format;

a display unit for displaying an image and a sentence in text format;

a decoration information table for storing combinations of decoration information;

a decoration information detection unit for detecting the optimum combination of decoration information in said decoration information table in accordance with a request from the user; and

a decoration information addition unit for adding the combination of decoration information detected by said decoration information detection unit to the sentence,

wherein said decoration information table comprises a theme-specific decoration information table for storing combinations of decoration information by theme, and wherein said decoration information detection unit detects a combination of decoration information in said theme-specific decoration information table based on a theme entered by the user.

3. (Currently amended) ~~The device for creating a sentence having decoration information according to claim 1~~ A device for creating a sentence having decoration information, comprising:

an input unit for a user to enter a sentence in text format;

a display unit for displaying an image and a sentence in text format;

a decoration information table for storing combinations of decoration information;

a decoration information detection unit for detecting the optimum combination of decoration information in said decoration information table in accordance with a request from the user; and

a decoration information addition unit for adding the combination of decoration information detected by said decoration information detection unit to the sentence,

wherein said decoration information table comprises a keyword-specific decoration information table for storing combinations of decoration information by keyword, and wherein said decoration information detection unit detects a combination of decoration information in said keyword-specific decoration information table based on a keyword of a sentence entered by the user.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) ~~The device for creating a sentence having decoration information according to claim 4~~ A device for creating a sentence having decoration information, comprising:

an input unit for a user to enter a sentence in text format;

a display unit for displaying an image and a sentence in text format;

a decoration information table for storing combinations of decoration information;

a decoration information detection unit for detecting the optimum combination of decoration information in said decoration information table in accordance with a request from the user; and

a decoration information addition unit for adding the combination of decoration information detected by said decoration information detection unit to the sentence,

wherein said decoration information table comprises a transmission-destination-specific decoration information table for storing combinations of decoration information by transmission destination, and wherein said decoration information detection unit detects a combination of decoration information in said transmission-destination-specific decoration information table based on a transmission destination entered by the user,

the device further comprising:

a transmission destination information storage unit for storing information about transmission destinations;

an external input/output device for communicating with an external device; and

a transmission destination information detection unit for detecting a transmission destination by referring to said transmission destination information storage unit based on information from said external input/output device,

wherein said decoration information detection unit detects a combination of decoration information in said transmission-destination-specific decoration information table based on a transmission destination obtained by said transmission destination information detection unit.

6. (Currently amended) The device for creating a sentence having decoration information according to ~~claim 1~~claim 2, further comprising a decoration information analysis/registration unit for analyzing decoration information in data transmitted from an external device and registering the information in said decoration information table.

7. (Canceled)

8. (New) The device for creating a sentence having decoration information according to claim 3, further comprising a decoration information analysis/registration unit for analyzing decoration information in data transmitted from an external device and registering the information in said decoration information table.

9. (New) The device for creating a sentence having decoration information according to claim 5, further comprising a decoration information analysis/registration unit for analyzing decoration information in data transmitted from an external device and registering the information in said decoration information table.